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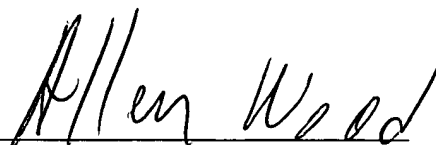
The Office Action of August 10, 2004 has been received and the allowance of claims 1-40 has been noted with satisfaction.

In order to secure a patent without further prosecution, the present Amendment cancels rejected claims 41-53. Since this leaves only allowed claims pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the application as a whole is now in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Should any fee be required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0002 and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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